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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of James E. Sealey II, W. Harvey Persinger, Jr., Mengkui Luo, Vincent A. Roscelli, and Amar N. Neogi, entitled PROCESS FOR MAKING A COMPOSITION FOR CONVERSION TO LYOCELL FIBER FROM AN ALKALINE PULP HAVING LOW AVERAGE DEGREE OF POLYMERIZATION VALUES.

- application is a divisional application of U.S. Application X 1. This No. 09/574,538, filed May 18, 2000, now pending, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/256,197, filed February 24, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,210,801, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/185,423, filed November 3, 1998, now pending, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/039,737, filed March 16, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,235,392, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/916,652, filed August 22, 1997, now abandoned, and claims the benefit from U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/023,909 and 60/024,462, both filed August 23, 1996.
- An application consisting of 33 pages of specification, including the claims X 2. and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 4 sheets of drawings is attached.
- A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the 3. above-noted prior application is attached. [Note: This application is a divisional, no new matter has been added to this application, and no new inventors have been named.] The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
- The prior application was assigned to Weyerhaeuser Company by an \mathbf{X} 4. Assignment recorded at Reel 010816/Frame 0333.

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Basic Fee							740
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Independent Claims	1 - 3	=	0	X	84	=	0
-	TOTAL						\$740

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